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**In Memory of Carol de la Herran**

**MY TEACHER, MY TRAINER, MY MENTOR**

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I felt like I had to, somehow, say farewell to you, dear Carol... And I could write, to fill entire pages about:

Our first meeting at Gateway, in Spain, when I was so impressed by your wisdom, by your integrity... and by your sense of humor ... I felt as if I were reunited with someone so very dear, whose memory was somewhat shrouded by oblivion... Then came to my mind all those memories of the days we spent together, days in which you have trained us to become TMI Outreach facilitators, where you taught me without words how to reach peoples' hearts through love and simplicity, in a natural and authentic way. Then I learned from you that sometimes a look and a smile can say more than tons of words... You give us a lot of pearls of wisdoms like: a positive experience is not necessarily a beautiful one, a positive experience is one from which you can learn something valuable, which helps you to grow. How true it is, passed through this filter, all experiences get a different meaning...

And that all you need to do is trust yourself, no matter of the process are you going through and that this "you" is so much more than you can imagine...

Then, I remembered all those wonderful days when you came to Romania and held the first Gateway Voyage program, along with Andrea. I began to feel so close to you, as if we were the same family. And I believe that, in a sense, we've actually been a family. It was so wonderful to have you here, and you've felt so good as well.

You've loved everything you met in Romania and you showed your love through everything you did for us afterwards. We in Romania will remain eternally grateful for this.

You have had a wonderful life, and I have always admired your strength, courage and commitment to achieve the goals you believed in, for the transformations that you have produced...

You live in my heart now, and with the deepest sense of gratitude for everything you have given me, I wish to thank you for making all these wonderful experiences happen in my life...

So this is not goodbye, because I hope we will meet again, but I do wish you a wonderful journey, filled with light, my dearest Carol.

